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Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-3, 7, 9-16, and 20 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 7, and 16 being the independent claims. Claim 19 is canceled in this Amendment and Reply without disclaimer of or prejudice to the subject matter recited therein. No other amendments are made herein.

Provisional Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 7, 9, and 10 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of copending Application No. 10/725,538. Although Applicant continues to believe that the rejection is not proper, and that the Examiner has not responded to Applicant's arguments regarding, for example, the axially offset first and second nozzle melt channels recited in claim 7, Applicant is filing a Terminal Disclaimer herewith in order to expedite prosecution. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection has been overcome and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 16 of the present application stands provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 6 of copending Application No. 10/725,538. As noted above, filed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection has been overcome and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

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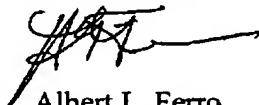
Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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